

HAMPTON CAST STONE

Pre Cast Stone Handling Guidelines

Hampton Stone products are manufactured to a high standard and care is taken to safeguard units before delivery. Following these guidelines will enable the same care to be exercised at each stage of delivery, handling and storage on site.

Haulers employed by the Company are fully conversant with the materials being transported and are aware of the need for care and consideration during delivery and off-loading. Drivers will be familiar with the correct type of equipment needed for offloading.

The use of slings is not recommended but if unavoidable, it is important that the sling gives correct support to long units and they are protected from damage.

Appropriate reinforcement and/or lifting sockets will have been incorporated into units if required for handling purposes. If used, ensure that lifting loops are fully screwed into sockets to avoid stripping the thread

The majority of units are palletized and shrink wrapped with the exception being large or long units which are positioned separately on pallets or bearers for handling purposes.

Once unloaded, pallets should be placed on a flat, dry and level surface, away from potential sources of damage or contamination. **DO NOT STACK PALLETS.** Do not use pallets of precast units to support or store other goods or equipment.

Units supplied separately should be placed on bearers correctly to provide sufficient support, on solid, dry ground.

Precast units should not be placed face to face without a protective packaging on the bearer and between the units, as supplied for transporting. Do not slide units across one another or across rough surfaces.

It is advisable to keep the delivered pallets wrapped until units are to be used.

When initially opening the packaging, it is recommended to split it with a knife or similar tool, taking care to avoid scratching or marking the units in the process.

After opening the shrink-wrap, any units remaining on the open pallet should be recovered to give protection against, dust, mud, mortar and other substances which may cause staining or damage.

During installation of the cast units, it is imperative that extreme care is exercised and that the correct equipment for lifting and handling is used when appropriate.

For further information on handling, or for advice on cleaning or repairs to damaged areas, please contact the Company.

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